

Home Journal.

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The late heavy rains have swollen our streams, rendering it impossible at this writing to ford the river.

New Goods coming.

EMBREY, BROTHER & CO.

Mr. Graves Pennington, one of our best citizens, has been sick for several weeks, but we are pleased to learn, is much better.

C. M. Wiseman, in this country, has a large hen that has laid, so far, 39 eggs, and not a single egg is larger than a common-sized marble, or bird's egg. We mention this as one of the singularities of Nature.

Wait until you see our large stock of goods.

EMBREY, BROTHER & CO.

At the late session of our County Court, Col. F. T. Estill was re-elected County Surveyor, and Prof H. G. Hampton was re-elected Superintendent of Public Schools.

Lake Erie

At Montgomery & Fanning's

Lost—On the night of Saturday, March 31, 1877, the undersigned lost a watch-key and seal, both encrusted gold, and mounted by a ring. One dollar will be paid to the person finding the same. Lost between the Square in Winchester and his residence.

W. J. SLATTER

Old stock at less than cost, to make room for new goods.

EMBREY, BROTHER & CO.

Hon. W. P. Hickerson, our regular Judge of the Circuit Court, has relieved Judge Nathaniel Baxter, and presides at this writing. We mean no reflection upon any judge in the land when we say that a better Judge, or, at better man, cannot be found than Wm. P. Hickerson. We wish he held the position now occupied by ex Senator D. M. Key.

One of the Ordinances of our town in regard to shooting fire arms is violated nearly every night. We are authorized to say that whenever the offenders are found, on the law will be strictly enforced.

Prof Clark of Carrick Academy, some time since offered a prize of \$1 in silver coin to his class in Geography for the student exhibiting the greatest proficiency in that science. The competition came off last Saturday, when the prize was won by Master J. C. Estill (son of Col. F. T. Estill), who is about thirteen years of age.

We are indebted to Mr. John H. Martin, a prominent member of the Winchester Bar, for the matter which appears in this week's Home Journal under the heading: "Death Sentence." Mr. Martin has given us substantially, if not exactly, what Judge Baxter said in pronouncing sentence upon the murderer, Brown Coble.

It is strange that in our county the peach trees upon sed near the mountain are in full bloom, while those in the valley have not bloomed at all, nor will they. But there will be a plenty of apples, pears, plums and cherries, provided no frost should come.

At the late term of the County Court about 55 additonal delinquents in Franklin county were reported because of non-payment of dog taxes assessed for 1875. It is very uncertain whether they will ever pay. Those who have paid must "sign and bear it," unless they can get the members of the Legislature who voted for the Dog Law to re-imburse them. The Supreme Court has decided that they are liable, or words to that effect.

Messrs. Vaughan & Butterworth, of our town, are supplying their house with several attractive articles outside of their regular stock. They have a patented "Champion Freezer," which excels anything of the kind we ever saw. A child can work it, and in a few moments make all the ice-cream a whole family could wish. All the child would need is about ten cents worth of ice and sufficient sweet milk. They also have a patented Fluting Iron, at \$1.75. We consider it superior to a Fluting Machine that we paid \$8 for not long since. It is simple, and cannot go out of order. To satisfy yourselves, go and see Messrs. Vaughan & Butterworth.

In our Circuit Court, March Term, Albert C. Price, charged with murdering Hardy Smith, was convicted of murder in the second degree, and sentenced to the penitentiary for ten years. Brown Coble, the negro preacher, charged with the murder of Felix Gardner, etc., was tried again, and found guilty of murder in the first degree, and was sentenced to be hanged on the 2d Friday of May, 1877. An appeal was taken to the next Supreme Court, which will give this heartless wretch a respite of a few more months.

Numerous cases of minor importance, such as carrying pistols, disturbing Sabbath Schools, trespasses, &c., were disposed of.

Court is still in session.

Assessors for 1877.

At the April Term of the County Court the following persons were appointed Assessors. All of them are members of the Court, save one—Mr. Alfred Henderson:

District 1.—Alfred Henderson.

" 2.—W. B. Barber.

" 3.—A. W. Collins.

" 4.—G. W. Simmons.

" 5.—William Green.

" 6.—A. J. Wiseman.

" 7.—H. V. Alexander.

" 8.—R. R. Powell.

" 9.—John T. Finney.

" 10.—A. J. Hines.

" 11.—J. T. Skidmore.

" 12.—Wm. Gipson.

" 13.—Wm. Sells.

" 14.—R. A. Overly.

" 15.—J. B. Hudgings.

" 16.—Meredith Carter.

" 17.—W. B. Gossage.

" 18.—C. C. Rose.

DEATH SENTENCE

Pronounced by Judge Nathaniel Baxter, at the March Term of the Circuit Court of Franklin County, upon Brown Coble, accused man for the murder of Felix Gardner, another colored man.

Brown Coble, you have been charged and indicted for the highest crime known to the law of the land. A Jury of good and law-abiding men of your county have said that you are guilty—that they find no mitigating circumstances. The consequence is that you must suffer death by hanging, owing to the extreme penalty imposed by the law. I have given you a patient trial. Your case has been fully investigated. The jury gave special attention to the evidence, listened patiently to the arguments of counsel, charge of the Court, and deliberated at their room twenty-four hours, and said that there was no doubt of your guilt. There was no evidence of any kind that could have mitigated your circumstances. I had a hope that they could; then asked them the question myself, it is true that no man saw you do the deed. But yet you have begun to entangle in the net-work of circumstances. Every circumstance points of your guilt. It was certainly a horrid murder, riddled with a man who was eating his dinner in his own house, as you evidently did; kill this man, is certainly a horrible crime. That you had the opportunity and the motive there is no doubt. Your passions and led you astray. You had won the affection of that man's wife, denounced her, and excited his suspicions. He was in your way, and prevented you from gratifying your lustful passions; and for fear that he might knock you in the head with a stone, you struck him with the block, so tight that it took a car, and cut through his skull, and severed his spinal column in two. I have yet to see you. You were entangled with the pretended role of Christianity—a professed follower of the meek and lowly Jesus—"and while attending your church meetings the proof shows that you were deliberately devising a plan to murder your fellow-man whose wife had behaved in a disreputable manner to your wife. You had brought shame and confusion on your own wife and betrayed the confidence of your friend and neighbor. Your act was deliberate. You had been negotiating in your mind for months the perpetration of the offense. You procured a deadly weapon, inflicted the deadly blow, and to avert suspicion placed the body in the position in which it was found.

There is a dignity that shapes our ends, enough new themes we may be led to, and a course never known when the end is little, often think or know how the blood runs, intestines and arteries would split. But it flowed out on my garments, and made no spot of the spot of blood on your forehead. Your first object was to create the impression that he had killed himself; but the fact that he was lying across a chair, skull fractured, throat cut, and the flow of the blood in the direction that it did flow, conclusively shows that he did not suicide. It was a hanging job.

Thomas Foster Jr., Joseph Doran, John Miller, Wm. M. Sells, John Brazelton, John Weaver, G. W. Holder, Wm. Majors, S. J. Jones, W. W. May, James A. Hudgings, W. M. Reynolds, A. Duncan.

JUDGE NATHANIEL BAXTER.

The Winchester Bar and Officers of the Circuit Court Comprise Him.

STATE OF TENNESSEE,
FRANKLIN COUNTY.
Circuit Court—March Term, 1877.

We the undersigned, members of the Winchester Bar and officers of the Circuit Court, take this method of expressing our appreciation of the ability, fidelity and integrity of the Hon. Nathaniel Baxter, the Judge presiding at this term of our Circuit Court.

We recognize in him the able jurist, the upright judge, the conscientious man and courteous gentleman, whose character and example is an honor to the bench and the legal profession. He will carry with him the earnest thanks and highest respect.

T. H. Holman, Attorney General;

F. T. Estill, P. Curtis,

J. J. Williams, John H. Martin,

W. H. Braund, P. H. Price,

J. B. Fitzpatrick, John B. Beasley,

Jesse Adolphe, J. N. McCutcheon,

L. D. Gregory, W. E. Colyar,

W. B. Francis, Louis McRae,

S. W. Davis, Henry Finch,

John Stinson, H. L. Turley,

W. W. Estill, Clerk Circuit Court,

H. P. Stewart, Sheriff,

T. N. Arnesge, Juries,

J. H. Hall, Deputy Sheriff,

J. L. Bennett, Deputy Sheriff,

J. D. Harbeck, Deputy Sheriff.

On motion of T. D. Gregory, the Court is pleased to have the same spread upon the Minutes.

April 12th, 1877.

M. C. TORCHES.

MARRIAGES SINCE OUR LAST REPORT.

WHITE.

William Anderson to Jennie Simpson, Wm. C. Holder to Hannah R. Self, T. A. Gads to Mattie Kennedy, Gabriel Lewis to Maggie E. Phillips, George Perry to P. J. Willis, W. C. Limbaugh to P. Franklin, George Vanover to Nannie Franklin, M. C. Dool to Elizabeth Whitfield.

BLACK.

Henry Hunt to Dorcas Hamilton, James Wiseman to Lucy Hatchett, Henry Foster to Ellen Warner.

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